Government quarters constructed for Parliament Secretariats

2176. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the blocks of quarters constructed for Parliament Secretariats in Vasant Vihar have not been allotted to them;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what action Government are taking in the matter;

(d) whether Government propose to order an inquiry into the whole affair; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that some more quarters are being constructed for Parliament Secretariats if so, the details thereof and by when these are likely to be completed for allotment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. On review, some quarters have been released to the Lok Sabha/ Rajya Sabha Secretariats, respectively in Vasant Vihar/R.K. Puram etc. after making necessary adjustments.

(e) The construction of 30 type 'C' quarters have just started and it is likely to take some time before these are ready for allotment.

Irrigation projects to fight drought conditions in Madhya Pradesh

2177. SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take up large number of Medium and minor irrigation works in Madhya Pradesh to reduce severety of drought and to increase the irrigation potential in the state; and

(b) if so, what additional funds Government propose to give to the State Government so that the on-going medium and minor irrigation projects are completed and new projects are taken up?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The State Government of Madhya Pradesh have taken up a number of medium and minor irrigation schemes for increasing irrigation facilities. An additional irrigation potential of 1.08 million ha. is targetted to be created in the Seventh Plan from major, medium and minor irrigation schemes.

(b) Irrigation Projects are planned, funded and implemented by the State Governments and Central assistance is given in the form of block grants and loans.

Drought conditions in Madhya Pradesh

2178. SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been drought conditions in some parts of Madhya Pradesh every year; and

(b) if so, what are the short and long term measures proposed to be taken to reduce the effect of drought conditions in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. Some areas in Madhya Pradesh have been experiencing drought conditions in varying degrees in the last few years.

(b) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to undertake short and long-term measures required for reducing the impact of drought. However, the Government of India have been providing assistance for short-term measures such as agriculture input subsidy, drinking water programme, employment generation schemes, cattle conservation and fodder supply. The long-term programmes for reducing the impact of drought are also being implemented. These programmes include expansion of irrgation facilities, Drought Prone Area Programme, Desert Development Programme, National Rural Employment

Programme, Rural Landless Guarantee Programme, Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, Soil and water conservation measures and crop insurance scheme.

Missing foodgrain wagons of the FCI

2179. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of wagons of foodgrains of the Food Corporation of India which were found missing during the last three years, year-wise station the quantity and value of such foodgrains;

(b) what is the amount of the claims preferred by the FCI and the settlement arrived at so far; and

(c) what is the number of court cases pending if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Wagons diverted from the originally booked stations to other destinations for operational or other reasons are described as 'missing' wagons at the originally booked stations. The number of such missing foodgrain wagons of the Food Corporation of India during the last three years, with the quantity of foodgrains and the value thereof, are as under:—

Year	Wagons (both MG & BG)	Quantity of foodgrains (M.T.)	Value in Rs. crores
1984-85	4114	145719	28.60
1985-86	7221	197688	43.56
1986-87	Accounts not finalised		

(b) Claims are preferred against the Railways for all the missing wagons of the FCI. During the last three years missing wagonlaims of the following value were settled:

1984-85	Rs. 11.13 crores
1985-86	Rs. 7.86 crores
1986-87	Accounts not finalised.

(c) 131 cases are pending in the courts.

Setting up of Super Bazar type stores and Mobile Van Shops

2180. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the package of assistance given to West Bengal as announced by the Prime Minister in September 1986 included the setting up of Super Bazar type stores and Mobile Van Shops with an estimated cost of Rs. 1.04 crores;

(b) if so, whether any funds have been allotted for the purpose from the Ministry; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India has sanctioned and released a total financial assistance of Rs. 106.50 lakhs to the Government of West Bengal for this purpose during 1986-87.

राशन कार्डों के जारी किए जाने में विलम्ब

2118. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या **खाद्य और नागरिक** पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन महीनों के दौरान प्रत्येक माह दिल्ली प्रशासन के खाद्य और